

May 29, 2013

The Honorable Ray H. LaHood
Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to seek your support for the **San Francisco Bay Trail Expansion and Repair** Project TIGER Grant application submitted to the Department of Transportation by the City of Alameda and in partnership with East Bay Regional Park District. The project will have a significant impact on the East Bay and the broader San Francisco Bay region, providing an important link in our transportation system.

This project will repair and complete almost eight miles of the San Francisco Bay Trail, connecting hundreds of miles of existing Bay Trail throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, which will ultimately create a 500-mile system. The five Bay Trail projects in this TIGER grant application are as follows:

- € Bay Farm Island Trail Resurface/Widen (City of Alameda)
- € Clement Avenue Bikeway/Truck Route (City of Alameda)
- € Gilman to Buchanan Bay Trail (Cities of Albany and Berkeley)
- € Pinole Shores to Bayfront Park Trail (City of Pinole)
- € Shore Line Drive / Westline Drive Cycle Track (City of Alameda)

My wife and I routinely pedal four of these five trails to run our daily errands without driving and for recreation. I am sure I am healthier for being on my bicycle instead of sitting in a car. I am also proud to be reducing the amount of greenhouse gases going into the atmosphere.

Please support Alameda's TIGER Grant application. This project will improve the quality of life in Alameda and the surrounding Bay Area.

Sincerely,

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